



# RiskWatch

A Department of Administrative Services, Division of Risk Management Publication



**W**elcome to the new look and feel of RiskWatch! In an effort to better serve our customers and in response to customer feedback, we are rolling out a new format to our newsletter. You will find it packed with articles, resources, suggestions, and best practices to assist you in your risk management efforts.

At State Risk Management, we continually strive to protect the Fund and our insureds through loss prevention, safety promotion, and a proactive and collaborative strategy of loss control and claims management. Although we have been practicing this integrated approach for some time, we believe this “enterprise” style of risk management makes sense at every level – from a coordinated statewide oversight of protected entities to integrated strategies within individual departments, agencies, and educational campuses. As we improve our ability to communicate and work together, we can become more effective in sharing the information which will help us better identify potential loss and reduce risk. As part of this effort to increase communication at every level, State Risk Management has created a Risk Management Advisory Council to provide input to our office regarding training, policies, responses to frequently asked questions, website content, and other issues of importance to our insureds. The initial members of the Advisory Council include a diverse group of risk managers who are experienced with large and small, rural and urban state agencies, institutions of higher education, public school districts, and charter schools. While you are welcome to provide input to the Council members, you can also still contact our office directly on any issue. We look forward to a safe and productive new year.

— Tani Pack Downing, Director

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The governmental immunity act limitation of judgment amounts changed for incidents occurring on or after July 1, 2010. The limit for damages for personal injury against a governmental entity, or an employee who a governmental entity has a duty to indemnify, is \$648,700 for one person in an occurrence, \$2,221,700 aggregate for two or more persons in an occurrence, and \$259,500 for property damage for any one occurrence. These limits of judgment are adjusted every two years as required by UCA 63G-7-604(1). Associated rule R37-4 may be accessed at <http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r037/r037-004.htm>

## A Risky Enterprise

Enterprise Risk Management (“ERM”) - a strategic business discipline that supports the achievement of an organization’s objectives by addressing the full spectrum of its risks and managing the combined impact of those risks as an interrelated risk portfolio. ([www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org)) The Division of Risk Management (“Risk”) continually strives to find new ways to protect the Risk Fund and prevent injuries. For us, the ERM process includes a collaborative approach between Risk’s two main sections – Loss Control and Claims. - [More -](#)



## Workers Compensation

2011 is the year to improve employee safety and decrease workers compensation injuries. Look for monthly safety tips and helpful recommendations in each issue and on our website.



**HR Liability Symposium** - January 19, 2011, 8:30 - 12:00 noon in the State Office Building Auditorium. Presentations by representatives from EEOC and UALD

**Statewide ADA Symposium: Access to the Future** - March 15, 2011 at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center. Practical methods for compliance with new ADA regulations

## Points of Interest

Summer camps and sports leagues - New FAQs

Real Life Litigation - Don't Believe Everything You See on TV

Loss trends within the state

## More Stories

### WINTER WARNINGS

The winter season brings a reminder that fire hydrants on your property need to have continual free and clear access for use in an emergency situation. This necessitates ensuring that all exterior fire fighting equipment be placed on your facility snow removal schedule. - [More -](#)



### AFTER SCHOOL DANGERS

Events, planned and unplanned can happen at a school, after the last bell of the school day rings or even on weekends. Unplanned activities usually involve individuals and groups of individuals using the school grounds and sports equipment without permission. Unfortunately, this can lead to physical damage to the facilities or even an unsafe situation for school students when school is back in session. - [More -](#)



### Signs That Don't Work



Posting a sign near a dangerous situation which claims no liability just doesn't make it so! DO post signs warning of danger. DON'T assume that takes care of your responsibility. Remediate dangerous situations as quickly as possible.